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ABSTRACT

In response to global changes and a growing focus on international affairs, Foothill and De Anza Colleges have developed a number of international education programs. Since their beginnings, both colleges have hosted full-time students from other countries under the F-1 Visa Program. Another program, Campus Abroad, is a partnership arrangement between the Foothill-De Anza community college district and the American Institute for Foreign Study to conduct educational programs abroad in cities such as Paris, London, and Salzburg. Other activities of the colleges have included the development of instructional divisions for international studies, efforts towards establishing sister-school agreements with colleges in Japan, and programs to bring groups of students from foreign countries to the colleges for intensive, short-term academic and cultural experiences. At Osaka YMCA College's request, Foothill began offering ESL classes to Japanese students on the Osaka campus in the spring of 1988. This program prepares students to transfer to Foothill to become full-time F-1 visa enrollees. Another international program, founded 18 years ago, is the International Internship Program which provides Americans with much-needed linguistic, cultural, and practical work immersion to supplement their studies of German and French languages. Activities in the planning stages include international support services, additional specialized instructional programs, and short-term ESL efforts. (JMC)

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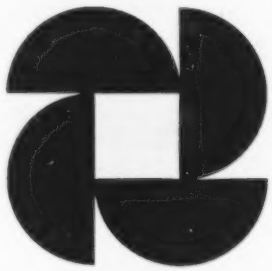

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THE FOOTHILL-DE ANZA COMMUNITY COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Introduction

Foothill and De Anza Colleges are both involved in International Education in a number of interesting ways. The world has become smaller for a number of important reasons:

- ▲ The melting of the cold war between the two superpowers, the United States and the U.S.S.R.
- ▲ The tremendous changes taking place in Poland, East Germany and other satellite nations.
- ▲ The growing dependence of the U.S. economy on the state of the world economy.
- ▲ The emergence of Japan and other Pacific Rim countries as world economic powers.

The local communities composing the Foothill-De Anza Community College District have been enriched by a number of global influences:

- ▲ Many international economic enterprises are housed here, not a few of whom depend on success overseas for their survival.
- ▲ Many international corporations house foreign staff in this community.
- ▲ The economic and educational level of success in the community.

The F-1 Visa Program

Since their beginnings, both colleges have hosted full-time students from other countries. This is referred to as the F-1 Visa Program.

- ▲ The F-1 visa is issued to individuals wishing to enroll in programs leading to a degree and allows these individuals to remain in the United States until they have completed their requirements.
- ▲ The F-1 programs at Foothill and De Anza have enjoyed steady growth during the past decade. Enrollments have doubled since the early 1980s and are anticipated to grow in the future as both colleges commit to globalizing their environments and educating students as world citizens.

Campus Abroad

Campus Abroad is a partnership arrangement between the Foothill-De Anza Community College District and the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) to conduct educational programs abroad. Current program sites include Paris, London and Salzburg.

- ▲ In this program Foothill and De Anza Colleges teach their own credit courses to their own students abroad.
- ▲ AIFS provides the District with classroom facilities and faculty offices.

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Campus Abroad (continued)

- Students take a minimum of 12 units, pay the usual fees, and pay AIFS approximately $3,500 to cover other costs of the program.
- Foothill and De Anza faculty members teach their normal load in a physical setting conducive to their subject matter.

International Studies

Both Foothill and De Anza are directly involving instructional divisions in international studies.

- Foothill has offered a certificate and an Associate in Arts Degree in Business and International Studies since 1987.
- In 1986, the Institute for International Studies was established as a joint effort of Foothill's Interchange Program with the Business and Social Science Division. The Institute was designed to work directly with business and industry.
- At De Anza, the Intercultural Studies Division is currently undergoing expansion to include the international area into what will become the Intercultural/International Studies Division.

Short-Term Programs

Both colleges have had considerable success during the past two years in establishing sister-school agreements with colleges in Japan. These have led them to bring groups of students from foreign countries to both De Anza and Foothill for intensive short-term academic and cultural experiences.

- ▲ Currently, De Anza's sister schools are Beppu University in Oita and Sanyo Gakuen Junior College in Okayama City; Foothill's sister schools are Hiroshima College of Foreign Languages and the Osaka YMCA International College.
- ▲ Over the past two summers at both colleges, Japanese students taking English as a Second Language (ESL) and other courses have been involved in academic and homestay experiences.
- ▲ Students pay regular fees and out-of-state tuition as well as an amount contracted to cover homestay and cultural costs.
- ▲ Other groups of students have been hosted by the college from periods of two days to six weeks.

Osaka YMCA Program

At Osaka YMCA College's request, Foothill began offering ESL classes to Japanese students on the Osaka campus in the spring of 1988. This program prepares students to transfer to Foothill to become full-time F-1 visa enrollees.

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Osaka YWCA Program (continued)

- ▲ Thirty students from the Osaka Program will begin full-time study at Foothill during Spring Quarter 1990.
- ▲ Currently, classes in Japan are offered through a contract between Foothill and Osaka YMCA.
- ▲ Foothill selects the instructor and approves curriculum.
- ▲ Osaka students enroll in the courses, pay out-of-state tuition and fees, and receive Foothill College credit.
- ▲ Osaka hires the instructor, provides an apartment including utilities and telephone, a monthly stipend for expenses, and travel reimbursements.

International Internship Program

The International Internship Program was founded 18 years ago to provide Americans with much-needed linguistic, cultural and practical work immersion to supplement their studies of German and French languages.

- ▲ Each year, 8-10 week summer internships and homestays in Europe are established for 230 American students.
- ▲ More than 250 European students come each summer to work and live in the United States.

- ▲ Financial support of the exchange is derived from registration fees, administrative fees paid by the European participants, and through donations by local supporters, European corporations, and the consulate of West Germany.
- ▲ Students gain valuable international experience in a wide variety of fields.

Conclusion

While both colleges have accomplished important initial efforts in International Education, many more activities are in the planning stages. Both Foothill and De Anza have begun support services for students operating under visa agreements. Specialized instructional programs are also being offered. Foothill and De Anza faculty have taught district courses overseas to both U.S. and foreign students, and have also had the opportunity to be employed by foreign colleges and universities during their sabbaticals and within special contract agreements. For the past three summers both campuses have been involved in special short-term ESL efforts. The colleges have developed specialized curriculum and are currently planning to become further involved in bringing the larger world view into the District.

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